



## Fact Sheet:

# Access to Recovery



## California Access to Recovery Effort (CARE) Program

On March 4, 2004, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released a \$100 million competitive grant for the Access to Recovery (ATR) program. States were eligible to apply for up to \$15 million per year as part of a Presidential initiative to:

- ensure genuine, free, independent client choice of treatment and recovery support providers;
- expand capacity and access to a comprehensive array of program options, including faith-based and other nontraditional providers; and
- ensure effectiveness and accountability by monitoring outcomes, tracking costs, and preventing waste, fraud, and abuse.

On August 2, 2004, SAMHSA announced that California was among the 14 states and one tribal organization awarded the ATR grant. The Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs will receive \$7.6 million annually for three years. This program will be known as the California Access to Recovery Effort (CARE).

The CARE program will provide vouchers to substance abusing 12-20-year-olds in Los Angeles and Sacramento Counties. The vouchers will pay for a comprehensive assessment and needed treatment and/or recovery support services. Eligible youth will be able to choose from an expanded number and type of providers, including faith-based organizations and other nontraditional providers.

Any provider organization that serves, or chooses to serve youth in Los Angeles or Sacramento Counties is eligible to apply for participation in the CARE program, including public, private, nonprofit, proprietary, faith-based, and other non-traditional organizations.

CARE program services may include assessment, outpatient services from brief intervention to intensive outpatient treatment, short-term residential treatment, and recovery support services. Recovery support services may include employment and educational services, mentoring, transportation and childcare.

It is expected that the first vouchers will be issued in Los Angeles and Sacramento Counties by March 2005.

For more information about the CARE program and details on how to participate, please visit the Department's website at [www.adp.ca.gov](http://www.adp.ca.gov).